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METHODS AND KITS FOR DETECTING SARS-

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## **DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.131**

We, Thomas Briese, W. Ian Lipkin, Gustavo Palacios, and Omar Jabado, hereby declare as follows:

- 1. We are the named inventors in the above-identified application.
- 2. The invention was made in the United States.
- 3. The work described within this Declaration was performed by us, or on our behalf under our direction.
- 4. We declare that synthetic nucleic acids, primer sets, and methods as claimed within the subject application were conceived at least prior to April 12, 2003.
- 5. A copy of an e-mail from Dr. Briese to TIB Molbiol, LLC confirming the production of primers and primer sets of the invention prior to April 12, 2003 is attached at Tab A.
- 6. A copy of a laboratory notebook page showing a picture of an agarose gel that points to PCR products generated using primers of the invention is attached at Tab B. These are results of a PCR analysis using primers of the invention that allows for amplification and detection of SARS-associated nucleic acid in a sample.

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